IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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| Plaintiff, | |
| vs. | 05-CV-0329 TCK-SAJ |
| TYSON FOODS, INC., TYSON POULTRY, INC., TYSON CHICKEN, INC., COBB-VANTRESS, INC., AVIAGEN, INC., CAL-MAINE FOODS, INC., CAL-MAINE FARMS, INC., CARGILL, INC., CARGILL TURKEY PRODUCTION, LLC, GEORGE'S, INC., GEORGE'S FARMS, INC., PETERSON FARMS, INC., SIMMONS FOODS, INC., and WILLOW BROOK FOODS, INC., Defendants. | |
| TYSON FOODS, INC., TYSON POULTRY, INC., TYSON CHICKEN, INC., COBB-VANTRESS, INC., GEORGE'S, INC., GEORGE'S FARMS, INC., PETERSON FARMS, INC., SIMMONS FOODS, INC., and WILLOW BROOK FOODS, INC., Third Party Plaintiffs, | |
| vs. |)) |
| City of Tahlequah, et al., |) |
| Third Party Defendants | |

DEFENDANTS/THIRD PARTY PLAINTIFFS' REPLY
TO THE RESPONSE OF THIRD PARTY DEFENDANT, BILL STEWART,
INDIVIDUALLY AND D/B/A DUTCHMAN'S CABINS, IN OPPOSITION
TO DEFENDANTS/THIRD PARTY PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSED
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMENDED THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT

Defendants/Third Party Plaintiffs, Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Poultry, Inc., Tyson Chicken, Inc., Cobb-Vantress, Inc., George's, Inc., George's Farms, Inc., Peterson Farms, Inc., Simmons Foods, Inc., and Willow Brook Foods, Inc., ("Third Party Plaintiffs") hereby submit their Reply to the untimely *Response in Opposition to Defendants/Third Party Plaintiffs' Opposed Motion for Leave to File Amended Third Party Complaint* (Dkt No. 816) filed by Third Party Defendant, Bill Stewart, individually and d/b/a Dutchman's Cabins ("Bill Stewart"). (DKT # 851).

Third Party Plaintiffs' Opposed Motion for Leave to Amend Third Party Complaint was filed on June 23, 2006, and all responses to that Motion were due on July 11, 2006 pursuant to LCvR7.2(e). Bill Stewart filed his Response, which was a wholesale adoption of the Berry Group's Response in Opposition to Defendants/Third Party Plaintiffs' Opposed Motion for Leave to File Amended Third Party Complaint (Dkt. No. 843) on July 19, 2006, eight days after the deadline for responses had passed, and thus, it should be disregarded. Notwithstanding the tardiness of the filing, in the interest of brevity, Third Party Plaintiffs reply to Bill Stewart's Response by incorporating the arguments and authorities as though fully restated herein submitted in their Reply to Plaintiffs' Response to Defendants/Third Party Plaintiffs' Opposed Motion for Leave to File Amended Third Party Complaint (Dkt. No. 858) and their Reply to the

By filing their Reply to Bill Stewart's Response to their Motion for Leave and arguing same before the Honorable Magistrate Judge Joyner, the Third Party Plaintiffs expressly do not waive any objection that they may have to any Order entered by the Federal Magistrate dismissing their third party claims in contravention to Article III of the United States Constitution. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); *TPO*, *Inc. v. McMillen*, 460 F.2 348 (7th Cir. 1972).

Third Party Plaintiffs have clearly met their burden to show that their proposed Amended Third Party Complaint is authorized under Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). In opposing the Motion for Leave, Bill Stewart has failed to carry his steep burden at this stage to prove permitting the proposed amendment to the Third Party Complaint would be futile, and therefore, Third Party Plaintiffs' respectfully suggest that their Motion for Leave to file their Amended Third Party Complaint should be granted.

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